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Letter from Leroy Swormstedt to James B. Finley

Leroy Swormstedt

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Dear Bro Wiley. Olin Feb 1. 1845
Yours was received on yesterday
I was glad to hear of your health, & prosperity
on the District, my prayer is that your last
days may be your happiest, & best days.
We have long felt the difficulties
you speak of with regard to subscribers to our
W. C. A. but know not how to remedy them.
At your request we read you the use
against Bro's Harrison & Wilson, Bro Harrison
must not blame us for Bro Lovell's failure, I am
sorry that Methodist Preachers do so. We cannot credit
Bro Harrison for the 2¢ Lovell promised to pay out
of money he borrowed. If Bro H. had paid him
the 2¢ for the W. C. A. and taken his receipt
then we would credit H. & charge Lovell, You
can take 5.50¢ from Bro Wilson tell him he must
look out, and not get so far behind.
On the subject of the signs of the
times in the South, I can say but little, most of the
preachers seem to think a division inevitable, yet
they deplore it. I must think with you, if it were left
to the people we should not divide. Our brethren
of the Arkansas, & Mississippi Confs, are not
as rabid as we would suppose, I believe
the old men feel serious on the subject, as the
time draws nigh. For myself Bro H. I deplore
the prospect of division, I must think if it takes
place the glory of our beloved Methodism will
have departed for a time at least. My prayer is
that we may be saved from the threatened calamity.
Our Broth Comd. will meet on the 19th of March
could you not be with us at that time? You tell
me to write to you at Jamesville by the 8th & 9th April. I
direct this to the care of Wm Young, & request him to forward
it, as I desire you to get it soon. We directed a letter to
you some days since to Jamesville, I hope it will have reached

you before this, as it is important that you return it to
us with your signature. Give my love to all my old
friends who ask after me. Your friends here are generally
well. Bro Jeff is at the Springs this week, I think they
are not very angry with you. Come, & see us?

Yours as ever
Levy Swonsted

1843

PAID

Rev. Mr. B. May

Care of W. Young

Lanesville

Ohio

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Mr Young.
Please forward
this to Mr H

Levy Swonsted
Jan 1845
Harrison
Cincinnati

Cincinnati Feb 1st 1845

Mr Rich J Harrison
To Meth Book Concern Dr
For Western Ch. Advocate from \$295 to 3
\$364 inclusive 3 \$4.04

Cincinnati Feb 1st 1845

Mr Henry Wilson
To Meth Book Concern Dr
For Western Ch. Advocate from \$469 3
to \$592 inclusive (Vol 10 & 11) 3
@ 38 p year 3 \$6.00

Notes - R. Harrison's subⁿ began at \$287 - His ac^t is credited in
1836 by Rev B. H. Hally 24 - in 1837 by himself \$2.50 - in 1838 by Rev A. Carrall
\$2. We have credited him with the one year paid to Rev Hill - 24
making 4 years in all & paying to whole \$294 - Balance as above.

H. Wilson's subⁿ began at \$1 - years credited 9 - paying
to \$468 end of Vol 9. - last credit in Aug. 1842 by Rev C. Brooks
24 paying for Vols 8 & 9 - If anything has been paid since that
please report it.